

**MINUTES
OF THE WORK SESSION OF THE
EDINA CITY COUNCIL
HELD AT CITY HALL
APRIL 1, 2014
5:34 P.M.**

Mayor Hovland called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m. in the Community Room of City Hall.

ROLLCALL

Answering rollcall were Members Bennett, Brindle and Swenson and Mayor Hovland. Member Sprague arrived at 5:34 p.m.

Staff attending the meeting included: Ross Bintner, Environmental Engineer; Annie Coyle, City Manager Fellow; Karen Kurt, Assistant City Manager; Ann Kattreh, Park & Recreation Director; Chad Millner, Engineering Director; Scott Neal, City Manager; Mark Nolan, Transportation Planner and Cary Teague, Community Development Director.

Mayor Hovland said the meeting would focus on two topics: the Arden Park and Minnehaha Watershed District Partnership and a review of upcoming Edina Public Utility needs.

ARDEN PARK/MINNEHAHA WATERSHED DISTRICT PARTNERSHIP

Transportation Planner Nolan explained that staff hoped to engage in discussion and get general direction from the City Council relative to a proposed partnership with the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District (MCWD) and Living Streets "Demonstration Project" for the Arden Park D 2015 neighborhood reconstruction project. He briefly reviewed the 2008 Comprehensive Plan for sidewalks in the area and how incorporating Edina's Living Streets Policy into the project would impact its planning. Environmental Engineer Bintner also outlined areas for partnership with Minnehaha Creek Watershed District.

Discussion covered where sidewalks should be placed, potential roadway narrowing and parking changes, rain gardens and whether their inclusion would be advisable in the project area, opportunities for partnership with the Watershed District and how that would function, and the process for allowing stakeholders' engagement. Council indicated their general interest in partnering with the Watershed District. They also expressed a desire for clarification and requested that another work session be held after the proposed process and project was laid out with greater detail

PUBLIC UTILITIES REVIEW

Mr. Bintner reviewed the future needs of Edina's public utility system. He outlined the Met Council's 2030 and 2040 population projects and noted how increased population and jobs in Edina would equate to increased demand for water. Mr. Bintner also stated that maintenance of lawns was an additional stressor on the water system, however, changes in the national plumbing code was increasing the efficiency of plumbing fixtures and appliances.

Mr. Bintner stated growth in population and the number of jobs in Edina would also increase the demand for sanitary sewer. At the same time, continued reduction in the amount of inflow and infiltration, residential inflow inspections and the water conservation code has slowed the demand.

The service reliability and peak demand were reviewed over the last ten years. It was noted that dry conditions around July were a factor in water peak demand and that issues with both storm and sanitary sewers had resulted from significant storm events.

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During the next few years water capacity will be analyzed to see where, beside the Southdale Water Treatment Plant, additional water treatment and/or wells would be needed. Other necessary improvements were the continual repair and replacement of cast iron pipe, valves and hydrants.

Existing sanitary sewer needs included: continued inflow and infiltration reduction program, analysis of the 72nd Street/Industrial area capacity and the 65th/Xerxes Trunk capacity along with the continued repair of lateral lines, trunk lines and manholes.

Storm water management will continue to be analyzed as neighborhood street reconstruction takes place, and as development is proposed.

Incorporating more geographical information system (GIS) records into the asset management system will facilitate the monitoring of the utility systems' needs.

There being no further business, Mayor Hovland adjourned the meeting at 6:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Mangen, City Clerk

Minutes approved by Edina City Council, April 22, 2014

James B. Hovland, Mayor